

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371**

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U.S. APPLICATION NO.

09/787944

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/EP99/06424

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE
31 August 1999

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
25 September 1998

TITLE OF INVENTION

Filtration Systems and Methods

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
 2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
 3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)).
 4. ☒ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).
 5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
 6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2)).
 7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
 8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)).
 9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC 371(c)(4)).
 10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC 371(c)(5)).
 11. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. ☐ Paper Copy
 - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies
- Items 12 to 19 below concern other document(s) or information included:**
12. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
 - ☐ Form PTO-1449
 - ☐ Copies of Listed Documents
 13. ☐ An assignment for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
 14. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
 15. ☐ A substitute specification.
 16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
 17. ☒ Application Data Sheet Under 37 CFR 1.76
 18. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
 19. ☒ Other items or information: International Publication No. WO 00/18497, including International Search Report; Form PCT/IPEA/409

U.S. APPLICATION NO. 09/787944		INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP99/06424		ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 440436	
20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)): Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO \$1,000.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO \$ 860.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO, but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO \$ 710.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$ 690.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4) \$ 100.00					
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Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the National fee or oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date				\$	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total Claims	35	-20=	15	x \$ 18.00	\$270.00
Independent Claims	8	- 3 =	5	x \$ 80.00	\$400.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$270.00	\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS=				\$1530.00	
Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$	
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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment. The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet. \$40.00 per property				+	\$
TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED=				\$1530.00	
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				charged:	\$


a. ☒ A check in the amount of \$1530.00 to cover the above fee is enclosed.

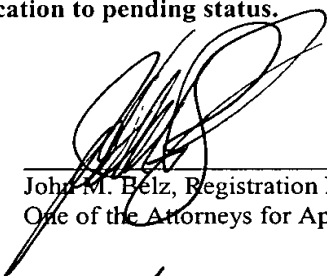
b. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:


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